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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE-SOURCE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SRA INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED FOR A
GANG AUTOMATED REGISTRATION DATABASE SYSTEM**

SUBJECT

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for a sole source agreement with SRA International Incorporated (SRA) for a Gang Automated Registration Database System (GARDS) without engaging in a competitive solicitation process.

PURPOSE

The objective of GARDS is to support the Gang Violence and Juvenile Crime Prevention Act, Proposition 21, approved in 2000. The Proposition put in place a gang member registration process similar to that for sexual predator registration. GARDS application will only store gang registrant information and is not intended to be an intelligence system. GARDS will standardize the information collected using the gang registration process and integrate the County's existing systems to reduce data entry.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 21 requires that individuals who are convicted of a gang-related crime shall register with the local police agency of the city in which he or she resides within ten days of their release from custody. Currently, there is no existing system to digitally enter, store, and track this registration information and make it available to law enforcement

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throughout California. The intent of GARDS is to provide a Los Angeles County and statewide digital repository for gang registration information. Law enforcement personnel throughout Los Angeles County and California will be able to access GARDS to research gang registrants and identify individuals who are required to register but have not done so.

The Los Angeles module of GARDS will interface with several existing Los Angeles County systems, including the Courts' Trial Court Information System (TCIS), the Los Angeles Fingerprint Identification System (LAFIS) via Livescan, and the Conditions of Probation System (COPS). The interface with the Los Angeles COPS will allow officers on the street to check the status of court-ordered gang registrants and arrest individuals who have violated their probation by not registering. GARDS, in conjunction with COPS, will provide real-time identification of probation violators and allow immediate apprehension of the individual, thereby, improving officer and public safety.

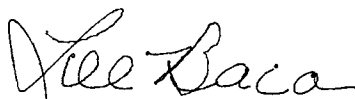
Gang intelligence officers will have the capability to review and approve GARDS' incoming gang registration forms/information for inclusion in compiling information regarding gangs. SRA will provide an unlimited perpetual license to the County and will grant permission to other law enforcement agencies and municipalities.

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

SRA's database is used in numerous counties throughout the state, including Los Angeles County, to consolidate information regarding individuals who are associated with "criminal street gangs" as defined by Penal Code 186.22. SRA has been providing support and enhancement services to the California Department of Justice for statewide applications of the system for the past three years. Currently, this database is the primary database used for tracking gang associations and activities in Los Angeles County. GARDS will be developed as a separate application associated with this database so that verified information from GARDS may be imported directly into the database. SRA is recommended as a sole source vendor to create the application because the software used is proprietary of SRA. Using SRA will be more efficient and, most importantly, will keep the integrity of the Department's current database and protect all information within the system.

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will proceed with sole-source contract negotiations in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by your Board. Should additional information be required, your staff may contact Mona Whittouck, Contracts Manager, at (323) 526-5542.

Sincerely,



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